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sub-districts of the Kallar reclamation districts of Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Madura for 1921–26 on the analogy of the statement published at pages 264 and 267 of the Tanjore Resettlement report published in G.O. No. 1537, Revenue, dated 25th August 1922; and

(b) to state how many land mortgage banks are working now in Kallarnad?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.
(b) None.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA:—"May I know if the Government have any policy in opening land mortgage banks?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Is it within the portfolio of the hon. the Home Member?"

Inland Waterways

Boat traffic in the Godavari river lower down the anicut.

*1242 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 892 answered on 29th November 1928 regarding boat traffic in the Godavari river lower down the anicut—

(a) whether the opinion of the District Magistrate referred to in clause (a) has been received by the Government and whether the Government have passed any orders thereon; and

(b) whether the Government intend to take proper measures to control boat traffic in the river both with reference to the river-worthiness of the boats and the efficiency and capacity of the persons who ply them?

A.—(a) The opinion of the District Magistrate has not yet been received?
(b) Yes.

Irrigation

Progress of the Pulikonda project in Ongole taluk.

*1243 Q.—Mr. P. ANJANEYULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage is the Pulikonda project in the Ongole taluk, Guntur district;

(b) when the Government are likely to undertake it;

(c) whether Government have received any report from the special staff regarding the Gundlakamma project in the same taluk; and

(d) if so, whether the Government have passed any orders thereon?

A.—(a) & (b) The discharge calculations are being examined by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) and he expects to complete this examination by May 1929. The technical scrutiny of the scheme itself will be taken up afterwards, if the discharge calculations show that a sufficient supply of water can be relied on. Until these preliminary studies are completed, it cannot be said when the Government are likely to undertake the scheme.

(c) & (d) The special subdivisional officer, appointed to investigate the scheme, has submitted his report, in which he has dealt with two proposals, viz., (1) the proposals for a reservoir near

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Tangirala and an anicut at Jammalamadugu and (2) the proposal of Mr. C. V. Krishna Rao for a reservoir and anicut between the Annangi and Malleswaram hillocks. The Government have decided that the second proposal must be dropped for the following reasons :—

(1) The site proposed for the anicut is unsuitable, because—

(a) the course of the stream is not straight but winding ;

(b) high flood banks and costly river training works will be necessary on either side ;

(c) the level of the lands on the right side of the river and west of the Malleswaram hill is below the flood level of 1927 (the highest flood level since 1881). There is every possibility of the river taking a new course to the right of the hillock if an anicut is constructed across it ; and

(d) the soil of the margin above the site of the hillock and to the right of the hillock is very sandy loam.

(2) The cost of an anicut at Annangi-Malleswaram will be more than at Peddajammalamadugu, while the cost of the canal system will not be any less, and the possible irrigation, even when all lands available up to very near the sea are taken into consideration, will not exceed 19,500 acres.

The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) is re-examining the original scheme for the construction of a reservoir at Tangirala and an anicut at Jammalamadugu.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" With reference to the answer to clauses (a) and (b) may I know the number of years for which the calculations are being examined ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Notice, Sir."

Improvements to the Pedalanka channel in Kaikalur taluk, Kistna district.

*1244 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to develop the Pedalanka channel in Kaikalur taluk, Kistna district, into a navigation canal ;

(b) if so, at what stage the proposal is now ;

(c) what time it will take to do so ; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to extend the area of irrigation under that channel ; if so, in what villages and to what extent ?

A.—The question of making the Pedalanka channel a navigation canal has not yet been investigated. It will be considered along with the question of the extension of ayacut at the tail end of this channel, which will be examined by a special division proposed to be formed in the coming financial year for the investigation of the possibilities of extension of irrigation in the Kistna delta consequent on the erection of 6-ft. shutters over the Kistna anicut.